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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER CALLS INDIAN PRIME
MINISTER FOLLOWING MUMBAI ATTACKS

Classified By: Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)
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¶1. (C) Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso spoke on the telephone with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh the evening of November 30, confirmed MOFA Southwest Asia Division Principal Deputy Director Aya Yoshida. According to Japanese press reports, confirmed by Yoshida, Aso told Singh that the attacks in Mumbai should not be permitted to further destabilize the region. Singh replied that India would like to cooperate with Japan in the war on terror and would continue to do its best to protect Japanese nationals and companies doing business in India.

¶2. (C) Yoshida told us the call had been initiated by the Japanese side and that Aso wished to convey condolences to Singh following the terrorist assaults in Mumbai. Singh, for his part, reciprocated by offering condolences for the Japanese citizen who lost his life and for a second who was wounded. Yoshida reported that Singh seemed particularly concerned that the attacks not sour Japanese investments in India and told Aso that India would take the necessary steps to protect Japanese companies and nationals doing business in India. Singh also expressed to Aso frustration with Pakistan. He said the Indians are not satisfied with the amount of cooperation Pakistan has given following the Kabul Embassy bombing. Singh requested Japan's help in "working on Pakistan" but Yoshida was unable (or unwilling) to provide further details about what, exactly, this meant. She said that Singh did not make any specific request of Aso with regard to Pakistan.

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